COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-Duty Hit Shooting, Suspect Deceased**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**SH 2375947**
URN#:	**015-03426-2178-045**
DATE/TIME:	**March 12, 2015, 1812 Hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **Flower Street, Huntington Park**

SYNOPSIS:

On March 12, 2015, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Vince Carter, #[redacted], Sergeant Dennis Watters, #[redacted], and Sergeant Delicia Hernandez, #[redacted], responded to Century Station regarding and on-duty hit shooting. The shooting resulted in the death of Suspect Antonio Perez. On February 18, 2016, this case was subsequently reassigned to IAB Sergeant Carmen Arballo, #[redacted].

IAB Lieutenant Carter confirmed the watch commander, Lieutenant Clarence Gallegos, #[redacted], took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. In addition, IAB Lieutenant Carter confirmed the involved personnel gathered in the company of a supervisor until they provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

Detectives Ken Clark, #[redacted], and Sandra Nava, #[redacted], from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the homicide investigation. For further information regarding the homicide investigation refer to homicide case book, under URN #015-03426-045 **[Exhibit A].**

On March 12, 2015, at approximately 1812 hours, Deputy David Brewer, #[redacted] (driver), and Deputy Jesus Rubio, #[redacted] (bookman) were working unit 217B in the unincorporated area of Walnut Park. While the deputies were driving westbound on Walnut Street they saw Suspect Jose Perez sitting in the driver's seat of a parked green Honda Civic, and Witness [redacted] sitting in the passenger seat. Suspect Perez was parked, facing east, along the south curb line of Walnut Street. Both deputies recognized Suspect Perez from prior contacts and knew him as Anthony "Tony" Perez. Suspect Perez immediately pulled away from the curb and drove eastbound on Walnut

Street. When Suspect Perez reached the intersection of Walnut Street and Pacific Boulevard, he failed to stop at the posted stop sign. Deputy Brewer made a U-turn and headed eastbound on Walnut Street to Pacific Avenue. As the deputies turned southbound onto Pacific Boulevard, they saw Suspect Perez at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and California Street. Suspect Perez turned westbound onto California Street. Deputy Brewer accelerated in an attempt to catch up to Suspect Perez.

When the deputies arrived at the intersection of Pacific Boulevard and California Street they saw Suspect Perez mid-block traveling westbound on California Street toward Santa Fe Avenue. The deputies turned westbound onto California Street. When the deputies reached the intersection of California Street and Santa Fe Avenue, Deputy Brewer made a traffic break by activating his red lights, in order to cross traffic.

IAB Note: The intersection of California Street and Santa Fe Avenue is typically congested with heavy vehicle traffic traveling in both eastbound and westbound directions. Deputy Brewer utilized the air horn and conducted a traffic break to clear all lanes.

Simultaneously, Deputy Rubio entered the license plate number of the green Honda through the Mobile Digital Console (MDC). The deputies traveled southbound on Santa Fe Avenue and no longer saw Suspect Perez. Deputy Brewer decided to take the first right hand turn into an alley just south of [redacted], and was now travelling westbound on the one-way (westbound) alley. The deputies arrived at a second alley that crossed in a north/south direction between Santa Fe Avenue and Mariposa Avenue. Upon doing so, they spotted the green Honda parked northbound on the alley. By this time, the license plate information revealed the green Honda (driven by Suspect Perez) was a stolen vehicle.

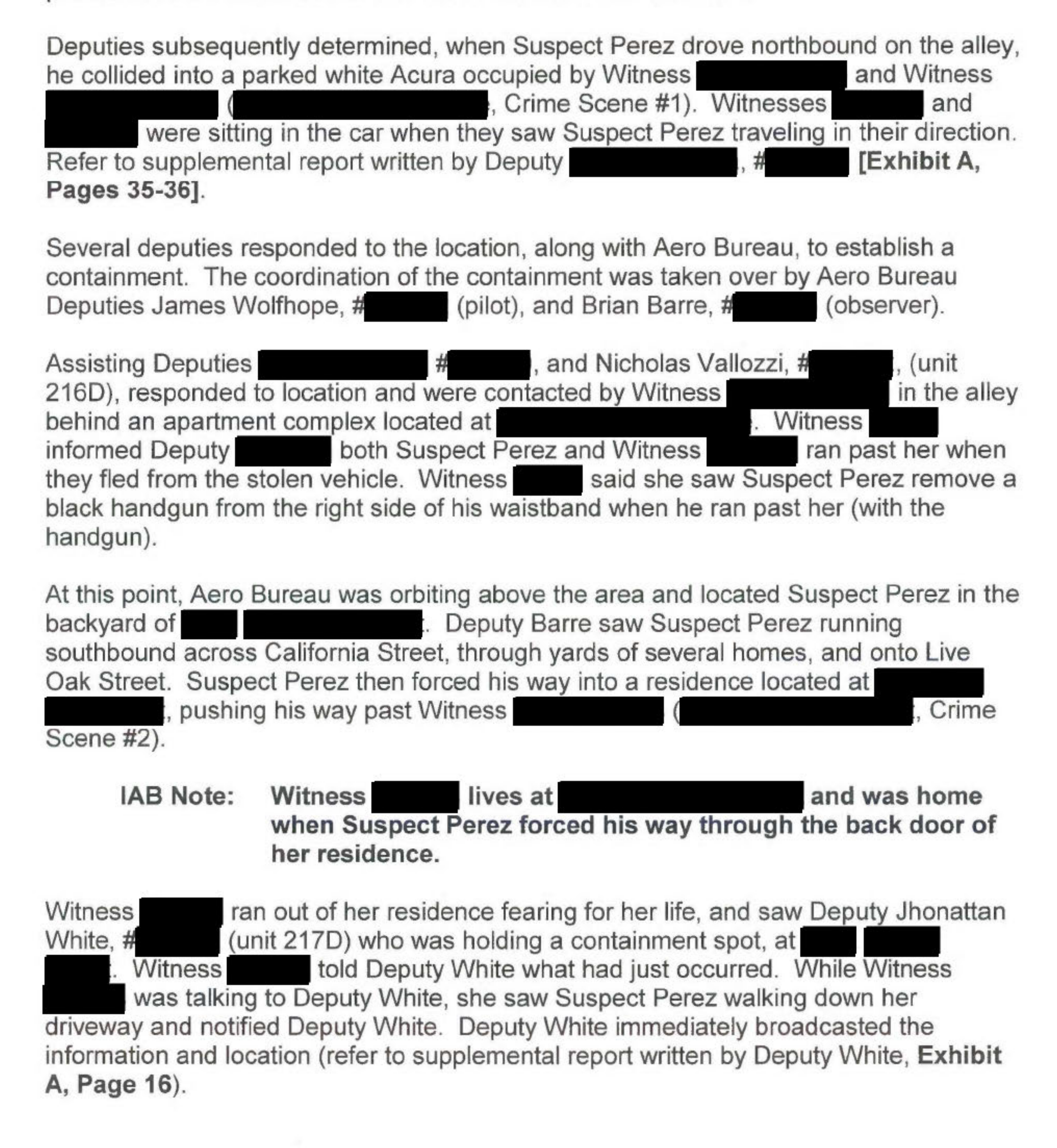
IAB Note: A vehicle pursuit was not broadcasted

Deputy Brewer immediately drove northbound in the alley in an attempt to make a felony traffic stop. When the deputies stopped and approached the stolen vehicle on foot, they discovered the vehicle was unoccupied. They were informed by several unidentified people, Suspect Perez and Witness [redacted] ran from the green Honda, into an apartment building ([redacted] Santa Fe Avenue), and continued towards Santa Fe Avenue. Suspect Perez and Witness [redacted] had already left the location, and Deputy Brewer did not see them running. Deputy Brewer immediately requested emergency clearance (10-33) and broadcasted the suspects (Suspect Perez and Witness [redacted]) ran eastbound from their location.

Deputy Brewer ran eastbound through the apartment building and onto Santa Fe Avenue, to establish a containment. Deputy Brewer contacted several unidentified individuals who saw Suspect Perez run across Santa Fe Avenue and onto Walnut Street. Deputy Brewer advised responding units the stolen vehicle suspect was Antonio Perez and he was now running eastbound on Walnut Street.

IAB Note: A foot pursuit was not broadcasted.

Simultaneously, Deputy Rubio entered into their patrol vehicle and drove northbound onto Florence Street. He traveled eastbound to Santa Fe Avenue and saw Deputy Brewer at Santa Fe Avenue and Walnut Street. Knowing Suspect Perez was seen running eastbound on Walnut Street, Deputy Rubio decided to take a containment position at the intersection of Walnut Street and Pacific Avenue.



Deputies subsequently determined, when Suspect Perez drove northbound on the alley, he collided into a parked white Acura occupied by Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted] ([redacted], Crime Scene #1). Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] were sitting in the car when they saw Suspect Perez traveling in their direction. Refer to supplemental report written by Deputy [redacted], #[redacted] **[Exhibit A, Pages 35-36]**.

Several deputies responded to the location, along with Aero Bureau, to establish a containment. The coordination of the containment was taken over by Aero Bureau Deputies James Wolfhope, #[redacted] (pilot), and Brian Barre, #[redacted] (observer).

Assisting Deputies [redacted] #[redacted], and Nicholas Vallozzi, #[redacted], (unit 216D), responded to location and were contacted by Witness [redacted] in the alley behind an apartment complex located at [redacted]. Witness [redacted] informed Deputy [redacted] both Suspect Perez and Witness [redacted] ran past her when they fled from the stolen vehicle. Witness [redacted] said she saw Suspect Perez remove a black handgun from the right side of his waistband when he ran past her (with the handgun).

At this point, Aero Bureau was orbiting above the area and located Suspect Perez in the backyard of [redacted] [redacted]. Deputy Barre saw Suspect Perez running southbound across California Street, through yards of several homes, and onto Live Oak Street. Suspect Perez then forced his way into a residence located at [redacted], pushing his way past Witness [redacted] ([redacted], Crime Scene #2).

IAB Note: Witness [redacted] lives at [redacted] and was home when Suspect Perez forced his way through the back door of her residence.

Witness [redacted] ran out of her residence fearing for her life, and saw Deputy Jhonattan White, #[redacted] (unit 217D) who was holding a containment spot, at [redacted] [redacted]. Witness [redacted] told Deputy White what had just occurred. While Witness [redacted] was talking to Deputy White, she saw Suspect Perez walking down her driveway and notified Deputy White. Deputy White immediately broadcasted the information and location (refer to supplemental report written by Deputy White, **Exhibit A, Page 16**).

Assisting Deputies Majalia Gonzalez, #[redacted], and Matthew Nowotny, #[redacted] (unit 212N3) responded to California Street and Pacific Avenue. While at their containment spot, they saw Witness [redacted] walking in their direction and detained her. Deputies Brewer and Rubio positively identified Witness [redacted] as the passenger in the stolen green Honda driven by Suspect Perez (refer to supplemental report written by Deputy Gonzalez, **Exhibit A, pages 27-28**).

Suspect Perez continued to run southbound, from Live Oak Street, through the yards of several more homes. Deputy Barre located him in the backyard of [redacted]. Witness [redacted] (resides at [redacted]) saw Suspect Perez at [redacted] in the yard, then lost sight of him. Approximately two to three minutes later, Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Perez reappear. Suspect Perez was wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt and orange shorts, which was different from when he (Witness [redacted]) lost sight of him. [redacted], Crime Scene #3).

IAB Note: **[redacted] is a two-story back house on the same property of [redacted] (refer to photo in Miscellaneous Documents).**

IAB Note: **Witness [redacted] was interviewed on the day of the incident by Deputy Miguel Ruiz, #[redacted]. Refer to supplemental report written by Deputy Ruiz [Exhibit A, Pages 20-21]. IAB Sergeant Arballo was unable to contact Witness [redacted] for a follow-up interview.**

Deputies Thomas Spinks, #[redacted], and Eric Espinoza, #[redacted] (unit 213D) responded to the stolen vehicle broadcast and monitored updates regarding Suspect Perez. They heard Suspect Perez was armed with a handgun and running eastbound through backyards on California Street. While establishing the containment, Deputy Barre requested Deputies Spinks and Espinoza to take a position mid-block, on Flower Street between Santa Fe Avenue and Pacific Boulevard. Deputy Spinks drove to [redacted] and parked his patrol vehicle facing north. They heard an update that Suspect Perez was running southbound and headed in their direction.

Within minutes of arriving at their location, Deputy Espinoza spotted Suspect Perez walking down the driveway of [redacted], in his direction. Deputy Espinoza ordered Suspect Perez to stop, show his hands, and get on the ground. Suspect Perez did not comply, continued to walk toward Deputy Espinoza, and kept his hands in the pockets of his hooded sweatshirt. Suspect Perez appeared as if he was going to stop, and he threw his keys to the ground. Suddenly without warning, he pivoted to his left and ran past the right side of Deputy Espinoza. Suspect Perez ran across Flower Street and into the driveway of [redacted] ([redacted] Flower Street, Crime Scene #4). Deputies Espinoza and Spinks ran after Suspect Perez. Deputy Espinoza yelled for Suspect Perez to stop, as he ran behind him. Deputy Spinks ran behind Deputy Espinoza. Deputy Spinks broadcasted they were in foot pursuit.

IAB Note: **During his IAB interview, Deputy Spinks stated he and Deputy Espinoza were approximately 10 to 12 feet behind Suspect Perez as they chased him into the driveway of [redacted] Flower Street.**

Suspect Perez ran down the driveway ([redacted] Flower Street), and under an archway (in the driveway). Suspect Perez ran approximately two to four feet past the archway. He stopped, stood for a split second with his back facing the deputies, and spun his body to his right. Suspect Perez crouched his upper body, reached into his waistband with both hands, and faced Deputy Espinoza. Deputy Espinoza yelled for Suspect Perez to put his hands up. Suspect Perez did not comply. Fearing for his life and the life of Deputy Spinks, Deputy Espinoza fired three rounds from his Department issued firearm (Smith and Wesson M&P). He struck Suspect Perez in the upper torso, three times. Suspect Perez fell forward onto the driveway. Deputy Spinks broadcasted they were involved in a shooting.

IAB Note: **The distance from [redacted] Flower Street (north property curb line) to the mid driveway of [redacted] Flower Street is approximately 50-55 feet.**

Suspect Perez was subsequently pronounced deceased at 1854 hours, by Captain Infante and Paramedics Thrush and Vasquez of Los Angeles County Fire Department, Engine #164. Suspect Perez sustained three gunshot wounds to his right shoulder, left back, and abdomen. See Coroners report **[Exhibit A, Pages 129-151]**. The autopsy report revealed Suspect Perez had marijuana and methamphetamine in his system, **[Exhibit A, Pages 142-143]**. Suspect Perez was not in possession of a weapon at the time of the shooting, and there was no gun recovered at any of the crime scenes.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the fatal shooting of Antonio Perez by Deputy Eric Espinoza. In their letter of opinion **[Exhibit B]**, dated April 6, 2016, Deputy District Attorney James Garrison concluded Deputy Espinoza acted lawfully in self-defense.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

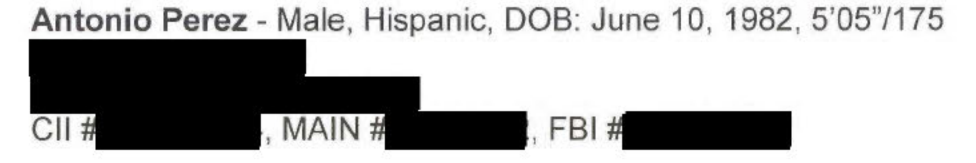
Eric Espinoza, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
Century Station

Date of Employment:	July 17, 2006
Date Assigned to Patrol/Century Station:	August 11, 2013
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting incident(s):	
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

Equipment Worn On Person

On March 12, 2015, Deputy Espinoza was wearing a Class "A" uniform including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: two sets of handcuffs, Oleoresin Capsium (OC) spray, Smith and Wesson duty weapon (M&P, 9mm), three fully loaded magazines, handheld radio, keys, back-up firearm (.38 caliber). He did not have a Taser assigned to him. His county issued PR-24 Baton was located inside his patrol vehicle.

SUSPECT INFORMATION



Antonio Perez - Male, Hispanic, DOB: June 10, 1982, 5'05"/175
[redacted]
CII #[redacted], MAIN #[redacted], FBI #[redacted]

> **IAB Note: A copy of Suspect Perez's criminal history is included in the Homicide Investigation Book [Exhibit A, Pages 96-121]**

SUSPECTS INJURIES

Suspect Perez sustained three gunshot wounds; one to the abdomen, one to the right shoulder, and one to the upper left back. See Coroner's report **[Exhibit A, Pages 129-145]** and photographs on CD **[Exhibit D].**

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

None

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Homicide Sergeant Frederick Reynolds, #[redacted], and Detective Dawn Retzlaff, #[redacted]. They were assisted by Forensic Identification Specialist Cynthia Fortier, #[redacted], Jackie Thompson #[redacted], Marisela Hancock, #[redacted], Erika Di Palma, [redacted], Nakia Berry, #[redacted], Senior Criminalist Bryan Edmonds, #[redacted] and Deputy Ronald Ducat, #[redacted], from the Sheriff's Crime Lab **[Exhibit A, Pages 154-167].**

There were four separate crime scenes in this incident. The four crime scenes are listed in order of occurrence as follows:

Crime Scene #1 – [redacted]

Suspect Perez and Witness [redacted] collided into an Acura owned by Witness [redacted] and ran from the stolen Honda Civic Refer to **[Exhibit A, pages 55-60]**.

Crime Scene #2 – [redacted]

Suspect Perez entered the front door of the residence and assaulted Witness [redacted]. He stole clothing and jewelry form a back bedroom of the residence. **Refer to [Exhibit A, pages 61-60]**.

Crime Scene #3 – [redacted]

Suspect Perez entered the rear of the residence by kicking in the back door. Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted] were inside. He stole clothing, car keys, and jewelry. Refer to **[Exhibit A, pages 68-78]**.

Crime Scene #4 – [redacted] Flower Street, Walnut Park

Suspect Perez was shot and killed by Deputy Espinoza. Refer to **[Exhibit A, pages 79-86]**

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Watters and Sergeant [redacted] responded to the scene, on March 12, 2015, at approximately 1930 hours. Sergeant Arballo, assessed the area, on January 23, 2017.

The shooting scene was detailed by Homicide Sergeants Robert Martindale, #[redacted], and Quilmes Rodriguez, #[redacted] **[Exhibit A, Pages 74-75].** Their description of the scene was consistent with the initial IAB Investigator's observation. The scene was also photographed and sketched by Forensic Identification Specialist Deputy Steve Thomas, #[redacted], from the Sheriff' Crime Lab.

Included in the IAB Case Book is a DVD containing photographs of deputy personnel, crime scene photos, suspect clothing photos, and suspect photos **[Exhibit D].**

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY ESPINOZA

Deputy Espinoza fired three rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition form his Smith and Wesson (M&P, 9mm, semiautomatic pistol). The firearm was examined by Deputy Bonus-II, Ivan Chavez, #[redacted], of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional **[Exhibit A, pages 152-153].**

Deputy Espinoza's firearm was not submitted for latent prints, blood evidence, or DNA testing. Three expended 9mm casings were recovered at the shooting scene **[Exhibit A, page 70].**

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon:

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Crime Scene #1 ([redacted]) 2000, Green Honda Civic, License #[redacted], damaged steering column and extensive collision damage to front driver side bumper **[Exhibit A, Pages 59]**.

Crime Scene #3 ([redacted]), wood frame (rear door) was splintered and partially fragmented **[Exhibit A, Page 91]**.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation into the deputy involved shooting was handled by Homicide Bureau Detectives Ken Clark and Sandra Nava of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred during daylight savings hours. The weather was clear and warm.

SURVIELENCE VIDEO

No surveillance video was located. No deputies were wearing body-worn cameras.

RADIO TRANSMISSION

The IAB Investigators obtained radio traffic (Dispatch, L-Tac, and A-Tac 4) associated with the incident **[Exhibit C]**. Following is a brief synopsis of the Dispatch and A-Tac 4 transmissions:

Dispatch (1812 hours) - SCC asked 217E their status on "10-29V" (01:12 seconds). Deputy Brewer requested emergency clearance and broadcasted they had a "10-29V" suspect running southbound Santa Fe Avenue from Florence Avenue (01:22 seconds). 217E broadcasted the suspect was running eastbound Walnut Street from Santa Fe Avenue (01:40 minutes). 217E1 (Deputies Carlos Cueva #[redacted] and Deputy Mark Torres #[redacted]), 216D1 (Deputies [redacted] #[redacted] and Nicholas Vallozzi #[redacted]), and 212S (Sergeant John Mosquera #[redacted]) acknowledged and responded (01:48 minutes). Deputy Brewer broadcasted Suspect Perez description (Male, Hispanic, gray shirt, blue jeans, shaved head, 02:04 minutes). Aero Bureau acknowledged (02:15 minutes). An assisting unit began to coordinate containment positions (02:30 minutes).

Deputy Brewer broadcasted Suspect Perez' description and referred to him by name (04:13 minutes). An assisting unit requested Aero Bureau and K-9 (05:08 minutes). An assisting unit broadcasted Suspect Perez jumped a wall on Walnut Street, southbound on California Street, and was wearing a gray/black tank top and tan pants (06:53 minutes). An assisting unit broadcasted Suspect Perez was wearing a black

"wife beater" and khaki pants (07:30 minutes). An assisting unit broadcasted Suspect Perez had a black 417 and ran with it, based on information from the people he crashed into (07:44 minutes). Aero Bureau arrived and assisted with the containment (10:40 minutes). An assisting unit broadcasted a resident told him Suspect Perez was running southbound toward Live Oak Street, wearing a dark green tank top (16:05 minutes). The command post directed personnel to switch to A-Tac 4 (16:52 minutes). SCC noted 998 (21:12 minutes). An assisting unit requested SCC to get an ETA for fire, to [redacted] Flower Street (28:37 minutes). SCC said fire was staging and requested confirmation that it was clear for them to enter (29:13 minutes). SCC noted fire was on their way to the location (29:50 minutes).

A-Tac 4 (1828 hours) - Aero Bureau saw Suspect Perez climbing into the backyards of two different properties on California Street (00:35 seconds). Aero Bureau broadcasted Suspect Perez was inside the backyard of [redacted] (01:14 minutes). Aero Bureau broadcasted observing Suspect Perez at several more locations as he ran into various yards. K-9 confirmed with Deputy Brewer that Suspect Perez was "10-29V/417" suspect (03:07 minutes). An assisting unit broadcasted Suspect Perez ran with a "417" in his waistband, and K-9 provided a 15-20 minute ETA (03:41 minutes). An assisting unit broadcasted Century Station received a 921(Prowler) call, at [redacted] (04:21 minutes). An assisting unit broadcasted he saw a male Hispanic running from [redacted] wearing a brown jacket (04:50 minutes).

Aero Bureau advised deputies were in foot pursuit on Live Oak Street, and corrected it to Flower Street (08:23 minutes). A unit broadcasted "998," suspect down, and deputies were accounted for (08:50 minutes). Aero Bureau directed units to hold their positions and noted it was a second suspect, not the individual he saw on Live Oak Street. Additionally, Aero Bureau requested fire and a supervisor to the location (08:56 minutes). An assisting unit requested "902R" for Suspect Perez (09:52 minutes). An assisting unit broadcasted Suspect Perez was wearing a black hooded sweater, baby blue top, orange shorts, and black shoes (10:35 minutes). Deputy Brewer arrived on-scene and positively identified the "998" suspect (Suspect Perez) as the "10-29V" suspect (14:54 minutes). An assisting unit advised they were detaining the female (Witness [redacted]) at Pacific Avenue and California Street (17:12 minutes). An assisting unit instructed the command post to send fire directly to Flower Street, when they arrived on-scene (17:12 minutes). A roll-call was conducted (20:07 minutes).

STATEMENTS

*The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews **[Exhibit C]** and verbatim transcriptions.*

INVOLVED EMPLOYEES

DEPUTY ERIC ESPINOZA

Homicide Interview

On March 12, 2015, **Deputy Eric Espinoza, #[redacted]**, was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Kenneth Clark and Sandra Nava. The interview was summarized in the Homicide case book **[Exhibit A, pages 50-54].** The interview was transcribed under **Job #50851**. The following is a brief summary of the interview:
On March 13, 2015, Deputy Espinoza was assigned to work unit 213D with Deputy Spinks. Deputy Espinoza was the bookman (passenger), in a marked patrol vehicle and Deputy Spinks was the driver. Deputy Spinks and Deputy Espinoza responded to the location regarding an emergency radio broadcast from Deputy Brewer (unit 217E), who had two suspects (one being Suspect Perez) running from a stolen vehicle.

Deputy Espinoza said they were directed by Aero Bureau to respond mid-block on Flower Street, between Santa Fe Avenue and Pacific Boulevard. Deputy Spinks drove to the general area and they waited for further instructions. Deputy Espinoza heard over the radio that Suspect Perez changed his clothes as he moved south, through homes, within the containment. At some point he also heard over the radio Suspect Perez was seen armed with a handgun.

Within a minute of arriving mid-block on Flower Street, Deputy Espinoza saw Suspect Perez walking down the driveway of [redacted] Flower Street, in his direction. Suspect Perez was winded, sweating profusely, breathing heavy, and out of breath. Suspect Perez matched the description that was voiced over the radio, prior to arriving mid-block on Flower Street.

He immediately ordered Suspect Perez, several times, to stop and show his hands. Suspect Perez continued to walk toward Deputy Espinoza, ignored his commands and kept both hands inside his sweatshirt pockets. Suddenly, Suspect Perez made a quick "jerk" movement and ran past Deputy Espinoza's right side. Suspect Perez ran south, from the north side of Flower Street, and onto the driveway of [redacted] (Flower Street). He chased Suspect Perez across Flower Street and into the driveway. Deputy Spinks was approximately 10 feet behind Deputy Espinoza, and broadcasting the foot pursuit. Deputy Espinoza continued ordering Suspect Perez to stop and show his hands but he refused and kept running.

Suspect Perez reached an archway in the driveway [redacted] Flower Street). He ran approximately two to four feet past the archway, suddenly stopped, and spun his body around. Suspect Perez was now facing Deputy Espinoza and suddenly reached into his waistband. Deputy Espinoza yelled for Suspect Perez to put his hands in the air. Suspect Perez did not comply. Fearing he or his partner would be shot by Suspect Perez, Deputy Espinoza fired three rounds from his weapon striking Suspect Perez. Deputy Spinks was positioned to the left of Deputy Espinoza when he fired his weapon. Suspect Perez fell to the ground, face forward. Suspect Perez was wearing a hooded sweatshirt, shorts, and a light blue top. Deputy Espinoza said paramedics responded to the scene and checked for a pulse on Suspect Perez but did not find one.

IAB Interview

On January 25, 2017, **Deputy Eric Espinoza, #[redacted]** was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Carmen Arballo and James Jordan. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed under **Job #52433**. The following is summary of the interview:

Deputy Espinoza said he was working unit 217B with Deputy Spinks, on March 12, 2015. They were [redacted], when they heard Deputies Brewer and Rubio transmit emergency radio traffic regarding a stolen vehicle suspect running from their location. He realized the stolen vehicle suspect (Suspect Perez) was on the move and there was a request for additional units to assist. Deputy Espinoza and Deputy Spinks responded from the station and saw Aero Bureau, who was coordinating units into their containment positions.

Aero Bureau, Deputy Barre requested they take a containment spot mid-block, on Flower Street. Deputy Spinks took a position at [redacted] and parked the patrol vehicle facing north. He knew Suspect Perez was traveling southbound from backyard to backyard. Deputy Espinoza took a position on the east side of the property ([redacted]) and stood at the door frame of the patrol vehicle. Deputy Espinoza saw Deputy Spinks standing at the passenger side doorframe. Deputy Espinoza stated he thought Suspect Perez was armed, and it heightened his awareness.

After approximately 15-25 seconds, Deputy Espinoza saw Suspect Perez walking in his direction from the driveway, of [redacted]. Suspect Perez was wearing a black hoodie and orange shorts. He was winded and sweating profusely. Deputy Espinoza yelled at Suspect Perez to stop and show his hands. Suspect Perez was approximately ten feet away. Suspect Perez appeared as if he was going to comply when he (Suspect Perez) stopped walking. Suspect Perez pulled out a set of keys from his left hand and threw them in Deputy Espinoza's direction. Suspect Perez suddenly pivoted to his left and ran across Deputy Espinoza's right side as he kept his right hand in his hooded sweatshirt pocket.

Deputy Espinoza and Deputy Spinks followed Suspect Perez. They chased him southbound, across Flower Street, and onto the driveway of [redacted] Flower Street. As Suspect Perez was running, he (Suspect Perez) kept his hands in front of his body as if he were carrying an object. Deputy Espinoza said he ran after Suspect Perez and shouted commands for him to stop and surrender. When Suspect Perez reached an archway on the driveway [redacted] Flower Street), he came to a sudden stop, spun around to his (Suspect Perez) right, and faced him. Simultaneously, Suspect Perez reached into his waistband with both hands. Deputy Espinoza was approximately five to ten feet from Suspect Perez. Deputy Espinoza believed Suspect Perez was going to retrieve a gun and shoot at him and Deputy Spinks. Deputy Espinoza discharged his weapon and fired three rounds at Suspect Perez, striking him in the upper torso three times. Suspect Perez fell forward onto the ground, and landed on both hands, positioned underneath his body.

Note: Deputy Espinoza was shown several photographs of the area and shooting scene, to determine positioning [Exhibit E].

Deputy Espinoza said his backdrop at the time of the shooting was the garage of the property ([redacted] Flower Street). Deputy Espinoza fired his rounds in quick succession and ceased fire once he saw Suspect Perez on the ground. Deputy Espinoza said he handcuffed Suspect Perez, placed him on his left side in a recovery position, checked for weapons, and called for paramedics to respond.

DEPUTY THOMAS SPINKS

Homicide Interview

On March 13, 2015, Deputy Thomas Spinks was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Kenneth Clark and Sandra Nava. The interview was summarized in the Homicide book **[Exhibit A, pages 45-49]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #50850**. The following is a brief summary of the interview.

Deputy Spinks said he was assigned to work unit 217D, along with Deputy Espinoza. [redacted] Deputy Spinks heard an emergency request for assistance over the radio, regarding a stolen vehicle. They drove the arrestee to the station and dropped him off at the booking area.

Deputy Spinks said they communicated to Aero Bureau over the radio that they were available to assist with the containment. Aero Bureau directed them to drive mid-block on Flower Street and hold a containment spot. Deputy Spinks drove the patrol vehicle in front of [redacted], and stopped. He continuously heard radio traffic announcing information that the suspect (Suspect Perez) was north of his position, on Live Oak Street.

Suspect Perez' description changed several times, from his initial description. Deputy Spinks believed Suspect Perez was changing clothes while in the containment. Deputy Spinks and Deputy Espinoza were trying to cover both the north and south sides of Flower Street, and believed Suspect Perez was headed in their direction. Deputy Spinks parked the patrol vehicle facing north blocking the middle of the street, in front of [redacted].

As Deputy Spinks stood on his side of the patrol vehicle looking north, he saw Deputy Espinoza talking to someone (Suspect Perez). He heard Deputy Espinoza give Suspect Perez verbal commands to stop. Suspect Perez did not stop and ran past Deputy Espinoza, across Flower Street. Deputy Spinks and Deputy Espinoza chased Suspect Perez. Simultaneously, Deputy Spinks broadcasted that they were in foot pursuit of Suspect Perez. They chased Suspect Perez into the driveway at [redacted]), and he ran past the archway. Deputy Espinoza was positioned between Suspect Perez and Deputy Spinks.

Suspect Perez stopped suddenly, turned his (Suspect Perez) body to the right and moved his hands toward his waistband area. Deputy Spinks said Deputy Espinoza were approximately five feet behind Suspect Perez. Deputy Spinks said in order to get a better view of Suspect Perez, he (Deputy Spinks) stepped to his left. As he stepped to his left, Deputy Spinks heard three shots fired, but was not sure if they came from Suspect Perez or Deputy Espinoza. Deputy Spinks asked Deputy Espinoza if he fired his weapon and Deputy Espinoza told him yes. Deputy Spinks realized Suspect Perez had been shot and immediately broadcasted they were involved in a shooting.

IAB Interview

On January 24, 2017, **Deputy Thomas Spinks, #**[redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Carmen Arballo and James Jordan. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed under **Job #52411**. The following is summary of the interview:

Deputy Spinks said he was working unit 213D with Deputy Espinoza, on March 12, 2015. [redacted]. As they arrived to the scene, they heard Aero Bureau broadcast Suspect Perez was running south, and was last seen on Live Oak Street. Aero Bureau directed them to [redacted] and requested they hold a position mid-block (on Flower Street). When they arrived at [redacted], Deputy Spinks parked his patrol vehicle facing north.

While responding to their containment spot, Deputy Spinks and Deputy Espinoza formulated a plan as to how they would respond if Suspect Perez would fall into their pathway. They knew Suspect Perez was last seen one street north of their location and he (Suspect Perez) was headed in their direction. Deputy Spinks heard on the radio that Suspect Perez was seen with a hand gun and believed he (Suspect Perez) was armed. Deputy Spinks took a position on the west side of the property and Deputy Espinoza took a position on the east side of the property.

> **IAB Note: Deputy Spinks was shown several photographs of the residence at [redacted] [redacted], to determine positioning [Exhibit E].**

Deputy Spinks stated he parked the patrol vehicle and covered the west side of the property on Flower Street. He saw Suspect Perez appear from the driveway at [redacted], and walk southbound toward Deputy Espinoza. He heard Deputy Espinoza order Suspect Perez to stop and show his hands. It appeared as if Suspect Perez was going to comply, when he place his hand out to his side and tossed a set of keys to the ground.

Suspect Perez suddenly ran in a southbound direction past Deputy Espinoza, and continued on Flower Street. Deputies Espinoza and Spinks immediately followed Suspect Perez and chased him southbound. Deputy Spinks broadcasted (A Tac 4)they were in foot pursuit. Suspect Perez ran southbound down the driveway of [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted], with both hands in his waistband area. Deputy Espinoza was approximately ten feet behind Suspect Perez, and Deputy Spinks was approximately 10 feet behind Deputy Espinoza. Deputy Spinks and Deputy Espinoza shouted at Suspect Perez to stop and place both hands in the air.
Suspect Perez ran approximately 10 to 12 feet down the driveway. He stopped, spun his body toward them, and kept his hands in his waistband. Deputy Spinks heard one shot, moved to his left, while Deputy Espinoza moved to his right. Simultaneously, he heard two more shots. He realized Deputy Espinoza had fired his weapon. Suspect Perez fell forward, with his hands in front of his body, and onto the ground.

The deputies approached Suspect Perez and searched him for a weapon. Once the deputies cleared his waistband, they handcuffed Suspect Perez and positioned him on his side in a recovery position. Deputy Spinks immediately requested paramedics to his location.

DEPUTY BRIAN BARRE

Homicide Interview

On March 12, 2015, **Deputy Brian Barre, #[redacted],** was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Kenneth Clark and Sandra Nava. The interview was summarized in the Homicide case book **[Exhibit A, Pages 42-45].** The interview was transcribed under **Job #50848**. The following is a brief summary of the interview:

Deputy Barre was the Tactical Flight Observer in the helicopter when the shooting occurred. His job was to monitor the radio traffic, operate equipment in the helicopter, and assist ground units. Deputy Barre heard the assistance call from Century Station and departed with Deputy Wolfhope, from the city of Long Beach.

Deputy Barre stated upon their arrival over the scene, he saw several patrol units in place and the location was contained. He estimated the containment was three city blocks long and one large city block wide. Once the containment was established, he saw Suspect Perez emerge from the backyard of [redacted]. Suspect Perez was running in circles and never looked up at the helicopter.

Deputy Barre saw Suspect Perez climb over a wall and lost sight of him at [redacted]. A short time later he saw Suspect Perez reappear, in the rear yard of a residence on Live Oak Avenue. As the helicopter over the immediate area, Deputy Barre saw Suspect Perez exit the yard of a residence on Flower Street.

Deputy Barre saw a deputy walking toward Suspect Perez with his gun drawn and pointing in at him (Suspect Perez). Suspect Perez ran past the deputy, across Flower Street, and into the driveway of [redacted] (Flower Street). Two deputies began chasing Suspect Perez on foot. Deputy Barre saw Suspect Perez stop immediately, turn to face the deputies, and then saw three muzzle flashes. Suspect Perez fell to the ground and the deputies handcuffed him.

IAB Interview

On January 25, 2017, **Deputy Brian Barre, #[redacted]** was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Carmen Arballo and Thomas Arellano. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed under **Job #52431**. The following is summary of the interview:

Aero Bureau Deputy Barre said he was working as an observer with Deputy Wolfhope as the pilot, on March 12, 2015. They received a call from Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) stating Century Station was handling a stolen vehicle. While responding to Century Station, Deputy Barre heard ground units coordinating a containment. As soon as they (Aero Bureau) were overhead in the area, he immediately saw Suspect Perez in a backyard of a residence, on Walnut Street. Suspect Perez was running from through yards, traveling southbound. Deputy Barre lost sight of him for a few seconds between the property line of California Street and Live Oak Street. Suspect Perez reappeared, and Deputy Barre saw he (Suspect Perez) was wearing a different set of clothing.

Deputy Barre heard this information (clothing change) being relayed to assisting ground units over the radio. They were orbiting above the scene at 300 feet off the ground and he was able to see the clothing worn by Suspect Perez without utilizing binoculars. When Deputy Barre saw Suspect Perez arrive at the driveway of [redacted], he was met by deputies. Deputy Barre was able to recognize the deputies were giving Suspect Perez verbal commands as they pointed their firearms in his (Suspect Perez') direction. Suspect Perez ran past Deputy Espinoza, southbound across Flower Street, and stopped halfway down the driveway of [redacted] (Flower Street). The shooting occurred when Suspect Perez and the deputies reached approximately one-and-half car lengths south on the driveway ([redacted] Flower Street).

DEPUTY JAMES WOLFHOPE

Homicide Interview

On March 12, 2015, **Deputy James Wolfhope, #[redacted]**, was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Kenneth Clark and Sandra Nava. The interview was summarized in the Homicide case book **[Exhibit A, Pages 38-42]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #50849**. The following is a brief summary of the interview:

Deputy Wolfhope is an Aero Bureau helicopter pilot. He received a radio call from SCC, requesting a response to Century Station regarding deputies involved in a foot pursuit of a stolen vehicle suspect. His partner, Deputy Barre, had already been coordinating with ground units via dispatch.
During his interview with Homicide detectives, Deputy Wolfhope utilized a cell phone to access "Google Maps" so he could give an accurate depiction of the streets and houses as he and his partner looked from the air.

Deputy Wolfhope said when they arrived overhead in the area, he saw the ground units attempting to get situated and set up a containment. They were told by ground units there were two suspects in the area, one being Suspect Perez. Deputy Wolfhope said he heard Suspect Perez was wearing a dark colored tank top and had a bald head. He could see Suspect Perez hiding in the shadows of the yards he (Suspect Perez) entered. Deputy Wolfhope could clearly see Suspect Perez climb over several fences and enter the backyards of properties.

Deputy Wolfhope saw Suspect Perez jump into the [redacted] property east of Santa Fe Avenue (determined to be [redacted]). Suspect Perez continued to move in an eastbound direction through several yards, as they momentarily lost sight of Suspect Perez. Deputy Wolfhope regained a visual on Suspect Perez, and saw him jump over the fence between the [redacted] and [redacted] property on California Street. Deputy Barre was relaying the information to the ground units.

Deputy Wolfhope heard a deputy over the radio state Suspect Perez was spotted by a citizen running across California Street. Deputy Wolfhope explained they missed Suspect Perez crossing the street due to a tight orbital maneuver. They looked into the yards on the south side of Live Oak Avenue. They spotted Suspect Perez standing in the courtyard of a property on Live Oak Street. Suspect Perez was wearing different clothing as he stood in the doorway of the residence, trying to hide from the helicopter.

Suspect Perez' actions were unusual, as he covered his head with a dark jacket and tried not to be seen by the helicopter. Deputy Wolfhope saw Suspect Perez walk down a driveway and saw a deputy make contact with him (Suspect Perez). Suspect Perez ran southbound, crossing the street, and onto a property east of the deputies location. Deputy Wolfhope saw Suspect Perez stop, turn and face the deputies, and then fall to the ground. Deputy Wolfhope did not know Suspect Perez had been shot when he fell to the ground, until after hearing the 998 radio traffic.

IAB Interview

On January 26, 2017, **Deputy James Wolfhope, #[redacted]**, was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Carmen Arballo. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed under **Job #52663**. The following is a summary of the interview:

Deputy Wolfhope said he was working as an Aero Bureau pilot, on March 12, 2015. While he and his partner Deputy Barre, were at Long Beach Airport they received a call from SCC stating Century Station was handling a stolen vehicle suspect with a gun in their area. It took them approximately five to seven minutes to arrive at the scene.

Deputy Wolfhope said they saw Suspect Perez climbing over backyard fences in the path where he (Suspect Perez) was last seen. Suspect Perez was wearing a black tank top and khaki colored shorts. Deputy Wolfhope lost sight of Suspect Perez for a few minutes. However, when Suspect Perez reappeared, he was wearing different clothing (dark colored jacket).

They followed Suspect Perez' path of travel, and saw him at [redacted], walking towards the deputies (Deputy Espinoza and Deputy Brewer). Deputy Wollfhope saw Deputy Espinoza talking to Suspect Perez. Suddenly, Suspect Perez turned east and sprinted in a southeast direction, across Flower Street. When Suspect Perez arrived halfway down the driveway of [redacted] Flower Street, he turned and faced the deputies. Deputy Wolfhope saw Suspect Perez fall forward to the ground, and realized there was a deputy involved shooting.

DEPUTY DAVID BREWER

Deputy Brewer authored a supplemental report **[Exhibit A, Pages 29-30]** *regarding the general incident.*

IAB Interview

On January 31, 2017, **Deputy David Brewer, #[redacted]** was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Carmen Arballo and Thomas Arellano. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed under **Job #52519**. The following is a summary of the interview:

Deputy Brewer said he was working unit 217E with Deputy Rubio, on March 12, 2015. [redacted] they spotted Suspect Perez sitting in the driver's seat of a green Honda Civic on the south curb line. A female (Witness [redacted]) was sitting in the passenger seat. They recognized Suspect Perez from past contacts. As soon as they passed the green Honda, Suspect Perez drove away from the curb and traveled eastbound toward Pacific Boulevard. Deputy Brewer made a U-turn and saw Suspect Perez turn right onto Pacific Boulevard, and travel southbound. Deputy Brewer was able to obtain a license plate number of the green Honda and told Deputy Espinoza to run it through the MDC.

Deputy Brewer stated when he entered the intersection of Walnut Street and Pacific Boulevard, he saw Suspect Perez approaching California Street and turn right. Deputy Brewer accelerated to catch up to Suspect Perez and followed him onto California Street. When Deputy Brewer turned right onto California Street, he saw the tail lights of the green Honda on the west side of California Street. Deputy Brewer proceeded to travel westbound on California Street as he lost sight of Suspect Perez.

Deputy Brewer reached the intersection of Santa Fe Avenue, and activated his red lights to conduct a traffic break in order to cross traffic. He did not see the green Honda. He crossed Santa Fe Avenue, turned right onto the first available street, and was informed by SCC the green Honda was a stolen vehicle. Deputy Brewer stated he was familiar with the Departments vehicle pursuit policy and he was not in a vehicle pursuit of Suspect Perez.

Note: **Deputy Brewer drove into an east/west alley, located south of 7315 Santa Fe Avenue.**

Deputy Brewer continued traveling westbound in the alley and attempted to locate Suspect Perez. Deputies Brewer and Rubio spotted the green Honda north of their location on a second alley.

> **Note:** **Suspect Perez had travelled northbound on a north/south alley, located behind an apartment complex on 7315 Santa Fe Avenue.**

Deputy Brewer stated he and Deputy Rubio immediately approached the vehicle and attempted to conduct a felony traffic stop, but realized the vehicle was unoccupied. They were informed by several unidentified people, Suspect Perez and Witness [redacted] ran from the green Honda towards Santa Fe Avenue. Suspect Perez and Witness [redacted] had already left the location and Deputy Brewer did not see them running. Deputy Brewer checked the apartment complex, ran to get the street name (Santa Fe Avenue), and set up a containment. Several unidentified individuals told Deputy Brewer, Suspect Perez ran across the street. Deputy Brewer ran across Santa Fe Avenue, did not see Suspect Perez, and stopped on Walnut Street. While doing so, Deputy Rubio positioned the patrol vehicle on the street side.

DEPUTY JESUS RUBIO

Deputy Rubio authored a supplemental report **[Exhibit A, Pages 31-32]** *regarding the general incident.*

IAB Interview:

On January 31, 2017, **Deputy Jesus Rubio, #517164** was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Carmen Arballo and Thomas Arellano. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed under **Job #52520**. The following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy Rubio said he was working unit 217E with Deputy Brewer, on March 12, 2015. They traveled westbound on Walnut Street and spotted Suspect Perez sitting in the driver's seat of a green Honda. A female (Witness [redacted] was sitting in the passenger seat. Deputy Rubio recognized Suspect Perez from prior contacts and remembered he was an unlicensed driver. He was able to obtain a partial license plate. Deputy Brewer made a U-turn, traveled eastbound on Walnut Street. He saw Suspect Perez turn southbound onto Pacific Boulevard and westbound onto California Street.

When they reached California Street they turned westbound and saw that Suspect Perez had traveled at rapid rate of speed, turning southbound onto Santa Fe Avenue. They reached Santa Fe Avenue and did not locate the green Honda. Deputy Brewer asked him to enter the vehicle license plate number into the MDC. They traveled across Santa Fe Avenue and turned right into an alley (south of [redacted]). When they arrived mid-block, they saw the green Honda stopped, north of their location in a second alley. Deputies Rubio and Brewer attempted to make a felony traffic stop but noticed the green Honda was unoccupied. Deputy Rubio was informed

by two unidentified individuals, Suspect Perez and Witness [redacted] ran east from their location toward Santa Fe Avenue. Deputy Rubio got into the patrol vehicle and took a containment position near Deputy Brewer's location. Deputy Rubio stated he was familiar with the Departments vehicle pursuit policy and did not believe they were in pursuit of Suspect Perez.

NON-EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:

WITNESS [redacted]

On March 13, 2015, [redacted] was interviewed Homicide detectives Kenneth Clark and Sandra Nava. The interview was summarized in the Homicide case book **[Exhibit A, Pages 85-86]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #50852**. The following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] told Homicide investigators on the day of the incident, Suspect Perez picked her up at "Bobo's Burgers." She met Suspect Perez on "Facebook" one month prior to the incident. She knew Suspect Perez a short time, but agreed to meet him after developing a friendship with him on-line.

> **IAB Note: Bobo's Burger (7300 Pacific Boulevard, Huntington Park) is located on the southeast corner of Pacific Boulevard and Walnut Street, approximately half a block west from the location Deputies Brewer and Rubio first spotted Suspect Perez and Witness [redacted].**

Witness [redacted] stated when they first spotted the deputies in the patrol vehicle, Suspect Perez immediately pulled away from the curb line. Suspect Perez told her he wanted to get away from the cops. She told Suspect Perez to stop and let her out. She did not want to be a part of his getaway. Witness [redacted] saw the vehicle ignition was missing and the steering column was damaged, but did not think much of it. Once they collided into a parked vehicle, Suspect Perez told her to run. Witness [redacted] said she ran out the driver's side door of the stolen vehicle and followed Suspect Perez. After she separated from Suspect Perez, Witness [redacted] walked to California Street, turned northbound on Pacific Avenue, and was apprehended at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Walnut Street. Witness [redacted] said she had never seen Suspect Perez with a weapon.

> **IAB Note: IAB Sergeant Arballo attempted to interview Witness [redacted]. However, she did not contact Sergeant Arballo for an interview.**

Witness [redacted] was with Suspect Perez when they collided into Witness [redacted]'s vehicle (Crime Scene #1). Refer to Homicide case book **[Exhibit A, Pages 55-60]**.

WITNESS [redacted]

On March 13, 2015, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide investigators Kenneth Clark and Sandra Nava. The interview was summarized in the Homicide case book **[Exhibit A, Pages 81-82].** The interview was transcribed under **Job #50853**. The following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated she was at her [redacted]'s home ([redacted] Crime Scene #1), when she heard a loud crashing sound coming from outside the apartment. The noise concerned Witness [redacted] because her young son was playing outside. Witness [redacted] ran outside to see what happened and yelled for her son to get inside the house. She did not observe the collision.

Suspect Perez and Witness [redacted] ran from the collision site, past her location. They continued through the apartment complex, towards Santa Fe Avenue. Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Perez reach for his right hip area and believed he was going to pull a gun from his pocket. Shortly after, she said two deputies contacted her and asked what direction Suspect Perez and Witness [redacted] were headed. Witness [redacted] went back inside her home after talking to the deputies. Witness [redacted] was subsequently contacted by another deputy (unidentified). Witness [redacted] told the deputy she saw Suspect Perez with a gun.

> **IAB Note: IAB Sergeant Arballo attempted to interview Witness [redacted]. However, she did not contact Sergeant Arballo for an interview.**

> **IAB Note: Witness [redacted] resides at [redacted]**

WITNESS [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On March 13, 2015, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide detectives Kenneth Clark and Sandra Nava. The interview was summarized in the Homicide case book **[Exhibit A, Pages 83-85]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #50854**. The following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] told Homicide investigators, on March 12, 2015, he was dropping Witness [redacted] in the alley behind his (Witness [redacted]) house. Witness [redacted] was driving a pearl white 1996 Acura. He was sitting in his vehicle, parked in the middle of the alley. Witness [redacted] saw a vehicle headed in his direction at a high rate of speed. He described the driver as a bald male Hispanic (Suspect Perez) and the passenger as a young female Hispanic (Witness [redacted]

Suspect Perez tried to wedge his vehicle pass Witness [redacted]'s vehicle. Suspect Perez did not have enough space to get through and collided into Witness [redacted]'s vehicle. Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Perez exit the green Honda and Witness

[redacted] jump out of the passenger side window. Suspect Perez appeared angry and panicked when he saw a patrol vehicle approaching from the south end of the alley. When Suspect Perez ran from the collision scene, he (Suspect Perez) kept his right hand in his pocket.

When Witness [redacted] saw the patrol vehicle, he did not see any red lights or hear any sirens. He informed Deputy Brewer and Deputy Rubio of the direction Suspect Perez had fled. He did not believe the deputies were chasing Suspect Perez because the deputies did not show up until after the collision had occurred.

IAB Interview

On February 9, 2017, [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Carmen Arballo. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed under **Job #52689**. The following is a summary of that interview:

Witness [redacted] stated, on March 12, 2015, he was talking to his co-worker, Witness [redacted], inside his white Acura. The vehicle was parked (facing south) in an alley (behind [redacted]). He saw a Suspect Perez driving a green Honda, heading in his direction at a high rate of speed. Suspect Perez tried to wedge the green Honda between the car and several parked cars. The alley was narrow and Witness [redacted] knew Suspect Perez would not make it past the vehicle.

Suspect Perez collided into the front driver side tire of Witness [redacted]'s vehicle. At the time, there was no police car behind Suspect Perez. Suspect Perez appeared angry and slammed his palm against the steering wheel. Witness [redacted] was unsure if Suspect Perez was going to approach him and exchange information, so he remained inside the vehicle. He saw Suspect Perez open the driver's door and exit the vehicle. He saw Witness [redacted] climb out the front passenger side window. Suspect Perez exited the vehicle, and kept his hands in his pocket as if he were grabbing an object. Witness [redacted] felt Suspect Perez was concealing a gun, although he did not see one. Suspect Perez and Witness [redacted] had already ran away when the deputies arrived. Witnesses [redacted] remained at the collision site until he was transported to Century Station, and interviewed by Homicide detectives.

WINTESS [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On March 13, 2015, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide detectives Kenneth Clark and Sandra Nava. The interview was summarized in the Homicide case book **[Exhibit A, Pages 82-83]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #50855**. The following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated he was the passenger in a parked vehicle with Witness [redacted]. He saw a green Honda make a sharp turn into the alley and then stop. The

Honda was being pursued by police when the vehicle accelerated toward him. Witness [redacted] said the driver (Suspect Perez) attempted to avoid colliding with his vehicle, but was unsuccessful. Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Perez and the female passenger (Witness [redacted] flee from the Honda and run through an apartment complex.

IAB Note: IAB Sergeant Arballo attempted to interview Witness [redacted]. However, she did not contact Sergeant Arballo for an interview.

WITNESS [redacted]

On March 12, 2015, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide detectives Fredrick Reynolds and Dawn Retzlaff. Spanish to English translation was provided by Deputy Christopher Valente #[redacted]. The interview was summarized in the Homicide case book **[Exhibit A, Pages 66-67]**. The interview was transcribed under **Jobs #52123 and #52124**. Following is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated she was in her living room when she heard a noise outside her residence ([redacted], Crime Scene #2). When Witness [redacted] opened the screen door, Suspect Perez forced himself into the home running past her. Witness [redacted] ran from the residence fearing for her life. Witness [redacted] said it happened so quickly, she was not able to get a good look at Suspect Perez.

IAB Note: Suspect Perez forced his way through the screen door adjacent to Witness [redacted] (Crime Scene #2). Refer to Homicide case book [Exhibit A, Pages 61-67].

IAB Note: IAB Sergeant Arballo attempted to interview Witness [redacted]. However, she did not contact Sergeant Arballo for an interview.

WINTESS [redacted]

On March 13, 2015, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide detective Quilmes Rodriguez. The interview was summarized in the Homicide case book **[Exhibit A, pages 93-94]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #51957**. Following is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated, on March 12, 2015, she was inside her residence when Witness [redacted] called her on the cell phone.

IAB Note: Witness [redacted] is the aunt of Witness [redacted] and they both reside at [redacted] (Crime Scene #3). Refer to Homicide case book [Exhibit A, Pages 93-94].

Witness [redacted] told Homicide investigators, after Witness [redacted] arrived from picking up their groceries, she saw numerous deputies outside the front of her residence. She also heard a loud noise coming from a helicopter hovering above. Witness [redacted] walked to Witness [redacted]'s bedroom (northeast corner of the residence), and the door was locked.

Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] thought the suspect that the deputies were looking for, was inside the locked bedroom. They immediately told deputies about the locked door. Witness [redacted] did not hear if anyone had entered and locked the bedroom door, because of the loud sound of the helicopter.

While Witness [redacted] was telling the deputies about the locked door, she saw Suspect Perez walking down the driveway of her residence. Witness [redacted] said she heard the deputies yelling for Suspect Perez to place his hands in the air. She saw Suspect Perez run across Flower Street, toward a house across the street. Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted] locked themselves inside the residence, and then heard three gunshots.

> **IAB Note: IAB Sergeant Arballo attempted to interview Witness [redacted]. However, she did not contact Sergeant Arballo for an interview.**

WITNESS [redacted]

On March 13, 2015, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide detective Quilmes Rodriguez. The interview was summarized in the Homicide case book **[Exhibit A, pages 94-95]**. The Interview was transcribed under **Job #51958**. Following is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated, on March 12, 2015, she was with her grandson ([redacted], MH/5) when she returned from the grocery store. She was not able to drive her vehicle into the driveway of her residence due to the containment. Witness [redacted] was allowed to walk to her residence with [redacted]. She entered the residence, walked to the back bedroom, and changed her clothes. She exited her bedroom, and left the bedroom door unlocked.

Witness [redacted] stated she heard a loud noise from the helicopter and had trouble hearing Witness [redacted] when she spoke to her. Witness [redacted] told her the bedroom door was locked. Witness [redacted] tried to open the bedroom door then realized that the suspect the deputies were looking, for might have been inside her bedroom. Minutes later, Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Perez walking down her driveway with his hands up. She saw Suspect Perez throw an unknown object on the ground and run toward the deputies. She quickly grabbed [redacted] and Witness [redacted], and moved them away from the front door and window. Witness [redacted] heard gunshots shortly after she saw Suspect Perez run toward deputies.

IAB Note: [redacted] **resides at** [redacted] **(Crime Scene #3) but was not available for an interview during the Homicide investigation.** [redacted] **is the grandson of Witness** [redacted]**.**

IAB Note: **IAB Sergeant Arballo attempted to interview Witness** [redacted]**. However, she did not contact Sergeant Arballo for an interview.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IAB Investigators sent certified letters to Witnesses; [redacted] and [redacted] **[Exhibit F]**. Witness [redacted] contacted IAB investigators and left a forwarding contact number. IAB Investigators made several attempts to contact Witness [redacted] and were unsuccessful. There were no responses from Witness [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted]. The certified letter sent to Witness [redacted] last known two address (Huntington Park) was returned "not able to forward."

On January 23, 2017, IAB Investigators conducted door knocks at [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted] Flower Street in an attempt to contact additional witnesses. However, there was no answers at any of the residences. [redacted] was interviewed on the day of the incident by Deputy Miguel Ruiz, #[redacted]. Refer to supplemental report written by Deputy Ruiz **[Exhibit A, Pages 20-21]**.